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CPIC:NPIC SER:F 01253 GS MSM:S00141 11MAY69H
DAY PHOTO. CAMERA ON 0630Z, OFF 0812Z. CAMERA TYPES ARE A-HR308A
(TEOC) AND C-9085/64 (OOC). REF (A) SER.L01552, DTG 121125Z, MAY 69. (B) 67RITS, SER.L01553, DTG 122058Z, MAY 69.
NPIC NOTES THAT THE ADVANCEMENT MADE BY THE DRV IN THE ART OF
PRODUCING DUMMY AIRCRAFT (REF. NPIC BB M-6457) HAS REACHED A
STAGE WHERE AT TIMES IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DIFFERENTIATE
A DUMMY FROM A REAL AIRCRAFT ON HIGH LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY.
HENCE, AN INFLATED AOB COUNT MAY BE REFLECTED FOR THE DRV
AIRFORCE. LOW LEVEL DRONE PHOTOGRAPHY OF GOOD INTERPRETABLE
HAS, IN THE PAST, OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM. PACOM NORTH VIETNAM
CPFL ICOD 21 APR 69. THIS MESSAGE SUPPLEMENTS, REFINES
INFORMATION REPORTED IN REF MESSAGES.

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PART I. SIGNIFICANT PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS

B. NEW TARGETS AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

ZZZ01:SSM AND SAM ACTIVITY

CTY VN

NO SSM OR NEW SAM ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

WXR:SCAT CLDSCVG:PARTIAL

QAL:GOOD SCL:PAN/OBL

ITEM02:HANOI SAM SITE C01D-2 (195) SGM:3C CTY:VN 213000N 1055252E
RMK:SITE IS ABANDONED AND OVERGROWN AND WILL BE DELETED FROM NPIC
ACTIVE SAM LISTINGS. (REF A, ITEM 39)

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ITEM03:THAI NGUYEN IRON & STL COMB SGM:3D CTY:VN 213339N 1055252E
RMK:NO SIGNIFICANT RECONSTRUCTION IS OBSERVED. ALL AREAS
NON-OPERATIONAL WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF THE LOCOMOTIVE
REPAIR SHOPS WHICH MAY HAVE A LIMITED REPAIR CAPABILITY. LIMITED
DEBRIS CLEARING, EARTH SCRAPING, AND SOME ROAD REPAIR CONTINUING
NO STRUCTURAL REPAIR IS EVIDENT IN THE BLAST FURNACE AREA; HOWEVER,
CLEARING ACTIVITY IS EVIDENT AROUND THE STOCK TRESTLE, COAL AND
ORE CONVEYORS, AND BLAST FURNACES. DAMAGED PIPING HAS NOT BEEN
RESTORED AND THE FURNACES ARE NON-OPERATIONAL. A RECENTLY
OPEN TRENCH IS OBSERVED IN FRONT OF THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN
BLAST FURNACE UNITS. LIGHT CLEARING, EARTH SCRAPING, AND SOME
ROAD REPAIR ARE OBSERVED IN THE FIRE BRICK PLANT, FOUNDRY AREA,
LOCOMOTIVE REPAIR SHOPS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE AREA. THERE HAS BEEN
NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN COAL AND ORE STOCKPILING SINCE THE PLANT
WAS DESTROYED. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 40 PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK
IN THE COAL STORAGE YARDS. NO REPAIR OR CHANGE IS OBSERVED AT
THE COKE BY-PRODUCTS PLANT, COKE OVENS, SINTERING PLANT, STEAM
PLANT, OPEN HEARTH FURNACE, ROLLING MILL, AND WAREHOUSE AREA.
VEH:50 RAIL CARS AND 1 CRANE.

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ITEM04:THAI NGUYEN U/I CONSTRUCTION SGM:5A CTY:VN 212820N 1055310E
RMK:THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT RECENT CHANGE IS THE COMPLETION OF A
RAIL-SERVED BUILDING AT THE TERMINUS OF THREE RAIL SPURS SERVING

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THE FACILITY. TWO OF THESE RAIL SPURS ARE PRESENTLY SERVICEABLE. IN ADDITION, THE FACILITY CONTAINS TEN SMALL BUILDINGS (SIX SEMIREVETTED) DISPERSED ALONG A GENERALLY CIRCULAR ROAD PATTERN, A POSSIBLE UNDERGROUND TANK WITH A POSSIBLE PIPELINE/GROUND SCAR LEADING FROM THE TANK AND CONNECTING TO TWO SMALL BUILDINGS, FOUR POSSIBLE STORAGE TANKS (25 MT TYPE) ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE FACILITY AT UTM WJ919740, AND A CAVE ENTRANCE AT WJ959741. THE FUNCTION OF THE FACILITY IS UNDETERMINED. ONE LARGE PASSENGER RR CAR IS ON THE CENTER SPUR.
 VEH: 1 PASSENGER CAR.

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ITEM05: UNDERGROUND FACILITY, YEN BAI SGM: 13AJ CTY: VN 214452N1045442E
 DES: A SMALL UNDERGROUND BUNKER HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN THE SADDLE OF A HILL AT UTM VK908048, APPROXIMATELY 3 NM ENE OF YEN BAI AIRFIELD. THE FACILITY MEASURES APPROXIMATELY 140 X 80 FT AND THE APPROACHES WHICH HAVE BEEN CUT FOR ACCESS TO THE NE AND SW ENDS ARE CONCRETE. ENTRANCES HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH THE CONCRETE FACINGS OF THE BUNKER, POSSIBLY GIVING THE UNDERGROUND FACILITY A DRIVER-THROUGH CAPABILITY WHEN THE NE APPROACH IS COMPLETE.

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ITEM06: KEP-HON GAI RAILLINE SGM: R21 CTY: VN 205835N1070310E
 RMK: THREE NEW SIDE TRACKS ADJACENT TO A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED [REDACTED] SINGLE SIDE TRACK 0.5 NM WEST OF THE EASTERN RAIL TERMINUS ARE NEARING COMPLETION. WHEN COMPLETED THE NEW TRACKS WILL FORM A FOUR-TRACK RAIL YARD AT UTM YJ125200. APPROXIMATELY 7.5 NM OF TRACK HAS BEEN LAID ON THE REPAIRED ROADBED FROM THE JUNCTION WITH THE HANOI-PING HSIANG RAILLINE TO 21-17-20N 106-20-30E (VJ392544), AND 4.4 NM OF THIS TRACK HAS BEEN LAID SINCE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION IN AN EARLY STAGE IS EVIDENT AT THE SONG NHAT DUC (RIVER) CROSSING. FOUR PIERS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED. A FLOATING CONSTRUCTION CRANE IS MOORED AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.

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ITEM07: DAO WUAN EAST PET PROD STOR SGM: 13AA CTY: VN 212610N1061222E
 RMK: ALL POL TANKS NOT PREVIOUSLY EXHUMED HAVE NOW BEEN REMOVED. THE SITE IS NOW ABANDONED AND HAS NO HOLDING CAPACITY.

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ITEM08: PHO CO PET PROD STR SGM: 3C CTY: VN 212723N1055040E
 RMK: ALL STORAGE TANKS AT THE FACILITY HAVE BEEN EXHUMED AND REMOVED. TWENTY-FOUR EMPTY EXCAVATIONS REMAIN.

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ITEM09: TRAI MA PROB MILITARY CAMP SGM: 1810 CTY: VN 211740N1063110E
 DES: THE CAMP IS LOCATED 0.5 NM NNW OF TRAI MA AT UTM XJ575555 AND CONSISTS OF 82 BUILDINGS, THREE OF WHICH ARE POSSIBLE TANK SHEDS. TRACK ACTIVITY IN THE CAMP AREA INDICATES A PROBABLE DRIVER-TRAINING COURSE. WHEN OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] THE CAMP AREA CONSISTED OF A DRIVER-TRAINING COURSE, THREE POSSIBLE TANK SHEDS, AND THREE OTHER BUILDINGS. NO VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED ON EITHER MISSION.

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PART II. OTHER PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS - NONE

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